



THE PHILMONT
MOBILE RADIO CLUB

Blurb

March 1983

W3RQZ • W3TKQ • W3QV



1983- YEAR OF
COMMUNICATIONS

"I

f
all printers
were determined
not to print
anything till
they were sure
it offended
nobody, there
would be
very little printed."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



"I

t
is astonishing
how many books
I find there is
no need to read
at all."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW



"A

book is a
mirror: if an
ass peers into
it, you can't
expect an
apostle to
peer out."

GEORG CHRISTOPH LICHTENBERG



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meets on the first Monday of each month
(2nd Monday in Sept. only) at 8:00 p.m. in the
Franklin Institute, 21st & Ben Franklin Pkwy.

ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Club Nets are conducted weekly.

Every Tuesday - 8:00 p.m., 147.63/03, code
practise is conducted, all
are welcome.

SAM'S CORNER



A FRESH NEW HAM
OPERATOR... IN THE
SPENCER TRIBE

ARNIE JOE BPTZSPLK



EVERY
THING
HAPPENS
TO
ARNIE
KC2HX

T H E P R E Z S E Z - - -

I am looking out my window while writing this month's column. What a wonderful sight! A beautiful blanket of white seems to have enveloped the entire world. This is the best thing that can happen to any Ham with a shack full of radios waiting to be fired up. (By the way, where was the Mt. Airy Observatory when we needed it?)

I had a lot of time to monitor "03" over the last week and observed that most traffic on the repeater is conducted by Phil-Mont members, with a few visitors turning up now and then. However, had I not known they were members, I would swear this was the first time they ever keyed up on "03." I think it's time to reprint some of the rules for general repeater operation which were published a while back in THE BLURB.

- a. W3QV/R has a 5-second ON delay after any silent period of more than one minute. Hold your mike button down for 3 seconds before making the initial call.
- b. Use your CALL for break-in --- not "Break."
- c. Recognize breakers immediately and stand by for them as soon as possible.
- d. When entering a QSO have something to say. Just announcing your presence may be considered rude.
- e. Wait for the courtesy (or bleep) tone before making your transmission in a QSO. This allows a moment for breakers, and resets the input timer.
- f. Avoid testing on repeater input frequencies.
- g. Use only the power necessary for full quieting. Find the range of your 1 or 10 watts, and turn on the amplifier when you need it.

R E M E M B E R, we ask only that you use the courtesy and good operating habits that you expect from others.

73.

Ed, KB3IV

FEBRUARY 1983 - GENERAL MEETING

The 399th General Meeting, held on Monday, February 7th, was opened at 8:03 P.M. (that's close enough to eight Ed) by KB3IV. Minutes of the January Directors' Meeting were read and approved. W3IIN gave the Treasurer's Report (how come the last Treasurer didn't look us in the eye the way she does?) The Report was approved as read. - The meeting was attended by 32 members and 4 guests. KC2HX introduced: Doris Hamilton, Herb Spector, Ernie Congleton-N3BBS and Johanna Pace. - The prize drawing was conducted by KA3AMO. - W3PST appealed for Blurb articles. - N3ADI gave a DX report, and mentioned that Heard Island is on the air now. - W3PWG told the club that Sam, K3RTR, (Da Verse of Phil-Mont) has retired from the Franklin Institute. A vacancy now exists at W3TKQ. Anyone interested should contact Rollie. - W3AWH told the group that W3IRS is on the mend. John then launched into a technical discussion on a 160 meter antenna converter. (John has promised to assist the Tech. committee with any repeater repairs) - W3IIM indicated that the final plans for the Stag Night Dinner will be made at the February Directors' Meeting. Jack is looking for ideas for social events. (Co-ed please) - Ed turned the meeting over to WB3CMM. Bill gave a most interesting program on The Outer Banks. (What a fish story he tells) The meeting was adjourned at 9:18.

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FEBRUARY 1983 DIRECTORS' MEETING

KB3IV opened the meeting, held on February 16th at the home of W3CW, at 8:03 P.M. (Then realizing that his V.P. was missing, held it up until 8:09) In attendance were: W3'S IRS, (Good to see you Frenchy) IIM, IIN, BBB, AWH, GQD, ZPP, GNM, SRU, WXC, N3ADI, WB3CMM, (and the boys from the other side of the river) KC2HX and AK2I. - Jim, W3BBB, demonstrated a "Talking Clock" that he wants to interface with the repeater. The board approved the purchase. (I don't remember anyone calling for a vote. He sure has you scared Ed) - W3SRU reported that he has been in contact with ARRL (I wonder if he showed them his flow charts) regarding Special Service Club status for Phil-Mont. The League indicated that we should qualify and that they will be in contact with Gil when they have their program put together. (Don't call us...we'll call you) - W3AWH told the group that he is working on several minor problems at W3TKQ, including the possible replacement of the Drake RTTY unit. (Watch the checkbook Jinny) - WB3CMM hinted (what a tease he is) at some interesting upcoming programs. - W3IIM presented a list of possible places for the Stag Night Dinner. W3AWH tried to change it to a Casino Night, but KB3IV overruled him. (This guy goes where angles fear to tread) W3WXC asked that the decision be postponed for a week so that he could explore a couple of more places. KB3IV and the committee will announce the final plans shortly. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18. Refreshments were served. Thanks to our hosts Barney and Esther.

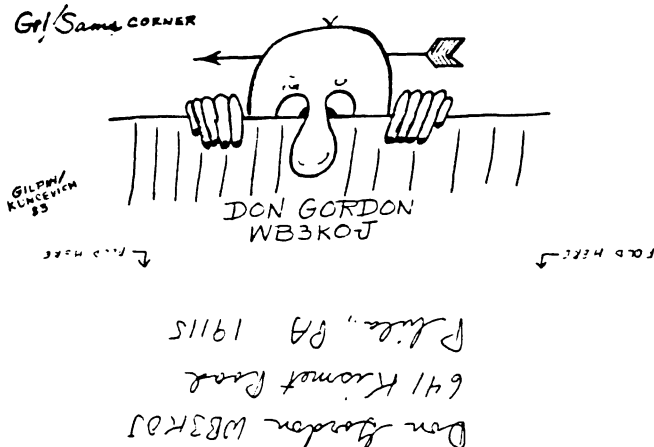
Respectfully Submitted,

Donald B. Gordon
WB3KQJ

THANKS FOR THE HELP!

Thanks to the 80 plus who took the time to reply to the questionnaire in last months Blurb. For those who forgot, it's included again this month. Please complete and mail it now!

Illustrated is the reply from one of our more disturbed members.



HELP! HELP! HELP!

* PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE *
* TO HELP US HELP YOU! *

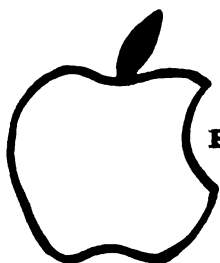
THE 1982 DIRECTORY IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING PREPARED. EVEN IF YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT IN THE 1982 DIRECTORY, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW. WITH YOUR COOPERATION (AND THE HELP OF A COMPUTER) WE PLAN TO OFFER SOME NEW AND INTERESTING FEATURES IN UPCOMING BLURBS.

NOTE:
OMIT ANY ITEM THAT YOU DO NOT WANT PUBLISHED!

MAIL OR GIVE TO:
W3BUJ
DUN GORDON
641 FISHER ROAD
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19115

NAME HOWARD C. GILPIN HANDLE GIL (PIN) CALL W3SRU
SPOUSE'S NAME FRANKIE (HER MOTHER WANTED A BOY) SPOUSE'S CALL HEY FRANKIE
STREET 652 SUMNEYTOWN PIKE (2 BLOCKS WEST OF INN)
CITY NORTH WALES STATE PA ZIP 19454 (USA)
HOME PHONE 215 699-7980 BUS. PHONE NO BUS PHONE BUSINESS PHONE IS 964-1300
CLASS OF LICENSE: YUJ --EXTRA --ADVANCED ☒ PEC --TECH --NOVICE
SPOUSE: --EXTRA --ADVANCED --GENERAL --TECH --NOVICE ☒ PIRATE
YOUR D.O.B. (Month) NOV (Day) 18 (Year opt.) GUESS
SPOUSE'S D.O.B. (Month) JULY (Day) 28 (Year opt.) 1776
DATE OF LICENSE EXPIRATION (Month) JAN (Day) 13 (Year) 1986
CAR: NONE DRIVERS LICENSE: NONE DOG LICENSE: NONE
ARE YOU AN ARAL (OST) MEMBER? NO DATE OF EXPIRATION: _____
DIED ON _____

PLEASE PRINT!



BYTES FROM THE APPLE

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 3-Elaine Spencer (XYL W3BBB)
6-Marilyn Miller (XYL K3KNH)
9-Fayette Toren (XYL W2GMA)
17-Bill Bubeck-W3YHV
22-Dee Moore-WA2NSA (XYL W2FUW)
24-Ed McVaugh-W3LEM
24-Jack Wright-K3CHR
25-Jerrie Haldeman (XYL W3PST)
25-Perry Blum-N3AXJ
26-Anna Madara (XYL W3PWG)
27-Lillian Shapiro (XYL WA3IFQ)

* IS YOUR BIRTHDAY *
* MISSING? *
* THAT'S BECAUSE YOU *
* DIDN'T COMPLETE THE *
* BLURB INFORMATION *
* FORM. DO IT NOW! *

REMINDER---W3PXY your Advanced Class Licence Expires March 14th.

Z W O P ' n ' P S C H O P d e W 3 B B B

For Sale - PCS 2000 AZDEN 2m xcvr \$175.000
Bassette Dipole, cut for 3,993 & 7,095 MHz 35.00
Mirage B108, 2m amplifier, 10 in, 80 out 140.00
Digital Voltmeter 25.00
Jake, AK2I, (609) 428-5924 or (215) 265-6999

For Sale - Drake xcvr, TR-3, AC-3 pwr supply, RV-3
remote VFO, w/spkr, mike, spare tubes and 300.00
original equipment manual, xclnt condx,
currently in use, Frenchy, W3IRS, (215) 356-9299

"INTO THE VALLEY RODE THE 400th" (Phil-Mont Regular Meeting, that is)

Net Control Stations for the month of March as received are -

Date	75m	10m	2m
06	W3PWG	W3GIF	AK2I
13	W3AOA	WB3KAC	W3AWG
20	AK2I	KB3CT	W3ZPP
27	W3RCE	W3KDO	N3AVE

Last month you were informed that we had a new call, KA3KIY, in our area, but just to mark it down in pencil, well, now, you can put it down in ink. Rick's call is N3DHI. Well done!

The latest Presidential appointment is N3ADI, Dayton Hamvention
Phil-Mont Coordinator.

Ala Ba Ba and the 400 meetings - 07 Mar 83

It is not a small world to the man who chases his hat on a
windy March day. anon

Phil-Mont M. R. C.'s Calendar for the Month of March 1983

- 07 On this date in 1861, the temperature fell from +40°F. to -32°F. in Hanover, N.H., and, also, in 1983, The PMRC will hold its 400th Regular Meeting, not in Hanover, but at its usual place at the Franklin Institute, Subject - Microphone Equalization.
- 11 The Blizzard of '88 began on the east coast.
- 13 Earmuffs were patented in 1877.
- 16 Robert Goddard launched the first liquid-fuel rocket in 1926, AND, ALSO, the Directors' Meeting will be held @ W3GIF's QTH, in 1983, AND, ALSO, this date is your THE BLURB's deadline.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day, or, the wearin' o' th' Green.
- 19 Wyatt Earp born in 1848. Happy Birthday, Wyatt.
- 22 Below freezing for 161 consecutive days in Muscatine, Ia, 1872.
- 27 Palm Sunday.
- 28 THE BLURB folding at the usual place, at the QTH of N3DHI.
- 29 Passover
- 30 The pencil with eraser was patented, 1858.
- 01 Oh, by the by, on this date your 1983 dues are PAST DUE.

It is with regret that you be informed of the death of George Hooper, K3GH , formerly, W3BYB. Although George was not a member of Phil-Mont, he had many friends here. He is survived by his wife Fran, W3SBE, five children, all hams, a couple of ham in-laws and 3 or 4 ham grandchildren. Rest in peace, George.

One of our exchange clubs, The Shore Points Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) announces their Springfest '83, on Saturday 12 March 83 at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Egg Harbor City, NJ, 0900-1600, rain or shine, talk-in 146.385/.985 & .52. For details, SPARC, P.O.Box 142, Absecon, NJ 08201

From the W5YI Report - - Be on the lookout for an FCC Report & Order approving additional 20m fone privileges. one rumor had it that it would be issued the week of Feb 14th, more later.

and

Cordless phones are appearing on the 160m band, some operating as high as 1870 kHz. The FCC in Seattle are very interested in any information that leads them to knowledge of the dealers that are supplying the crystals. The highest authorized frequency is 1770 kHz.

W5YI REPORT....

NO-CODE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING RECEIVED - How to file comments

We finally received a copy of the NPRM on "Establishment of a Class of Amateur Operator License Not Requiring a Demonstration of Proficiency in the International Morse Code" - PR Docket No. 83-28. That's the official name of the FCC's No-Code Ham License proposal. It was released from the Commission on February 1st. Interested persons should file comments with the Commission on or before April 29th and reply comments on or before May 31, 1983. (Reply comments respond to original filed comments.)

Some of you may have never filed comments with the FCC on proposed rulemaking. Since the no-code issue seems to be a very explosive one within the amateur community, here is your opportunity to let yourself be heard. It's like voting. You forfeit your right to complain about the outcome if you don't cast it. It is my opinion that this is absolutely your last opportunity to express your views on a No-Code amateur license.

WHAT ARE THE FCC'S EXACT NO-CODE PROPOSALS?

To make it easier for you to file your views with the FCC, here is a capsulized version of what the Commission proposes to do on the No-Code issue.

(1.) - They proposed two alternatives...

(a.) - Eliminating the 5 word-per-minute Morse Code Examination from the existing Technician Class operator license. It would still be called the "Technician Class" and would convey all authorized amateur privileges above 50 MHz. Technicians would have Novice class privileges also if they had successfully completed the beginner's (5-WPM) code test.

(b.) - A class similar to the Canadian Digital Amateur Class Certificate which will be called the "Experimenter Class." There will be no CW (code) requirement, but the written test will be "an extremely difficult examination on digital techniques. A new examination element (Element 5) is proposed.

(2.) - The Commission said it would "consider only frequencies above 30-MHz for the codeless license class" since it was a signatory to the 1979 WARC conference which requires code proficiency below this level. "The specific frequencies above 30-MHz to authorize for such a license class is an issue upon which we encourage comments."

(3.) - The FCC's specific proposal was for all frequencies above the WARC 30-MHz level for the new "Technician" no-code class and 144-MHz for the "Experimenter" license. "We are also proposing that the privileges include the use of all emission modes currently authorized to amateurs on those frequency bands.... We believe that persons whose primary interest lies in the field of computers will take advantage of the emission modes used for radio-teleprinter and computer communications." The Commission also said that there was nothing to prevent the authorization of "Experimenter" privileges down to the 50-MHz level.

OTHER POINTS YOU MIGHT WANT TO ADDRESS IN YOUR COMMENTS...

- Should fully qualified, technically competent individuals be allowed to participate in the amateur radio hobby without Morse Code knowledge? Can they make a contribution to the pastime without code proficiency?
- Can amateur radio spectrum support the thousands... even hundreds of thousands or millions of new amateurs that might want to become a ham operator? If not, why not?

- Should only specific ham bands be approved - i.e. above 220-MHz, 450-MHz, etc? Is there adequate spectrum on the 2-meter band for an influx of amateurs?
- If you object to a no-code license, concisely state why you do and what you feel will happen if one is adopted. Tell the Commission how long you have been an amateur and why your background makes you qualified to make this judgement. Why is the code requirement important even at VHF levels?
- What other benefits (or consequences) will be obtained from a no-code license? International good will, interference, discipline, emergency communications, deregulation considerations, experimentation, effective personal communication whatever....

Send your comments to: The Secretary; Federal Communications Commission; Washington, D.C. 20554. Be sure to mark your comments as a response to: PR Docket No. 83-28. Formal comments require filing of an original and five copies. (If you wish each Commissioner to have a copy, send an original and eleven copies.) Informal copies require only submission of one copy to the above address. Formal and informal comments are given the same consideration. While not absolutely necessary, we suggest that they be typed in the following format....

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the matter of	)	
	)	
Establishment of a Class of	)	
Amateur Operator License Not	)	PR Docket No. 83-28)
Requiring a Demonstration of	)	
Proficiency in the International	)	
Morse Code.	)	

TO: The Commission

COMMENTS OF (LIST YOUR NAME OR CLUB HERE):

Most comments have a short INTRODUCTION (who you or your club are, how many members, etc.) followed by BACKGROUND of the proposal. Your COMMENTS should follow with convincing reasons for them. The ending of your comments should contain a CONCLUSION such as...

"We respectfully ask the Commission to..... (give your suggestions on the no-code issue in a very short paragraph.)"

Respectfully submitted,
YOUR (OR YOUR CLUB'S) NAME

Date: _____

Signed: Your signature, call sign...
(Club Office, if appropriate.)

From the rear seat - - We all slip once in a while and say "damn or hell" on our repeater and although we can't condone it, we may overlook it occasionally. But, when it becomes a habit, something must be said and (we hope not) done about it. One violator's place of employment doesn't permit it, but he feels free to say them on .03. More later(I hope not).

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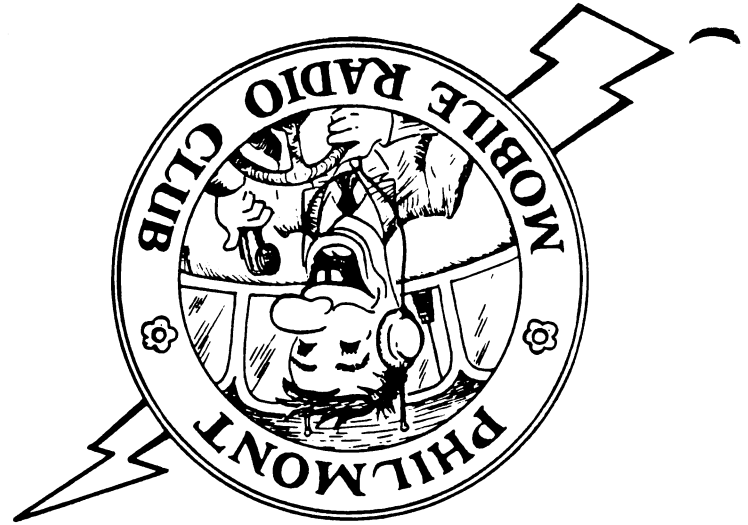
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NEXT MEETING

07 MARCH

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Equalization



STAG NIGHT APRIL 20TH
CASH BAR 6P.M.-DINNER 6:30P.M.
THE PICKET POST--GULPH MILLS
DETAILS ON NET-RES. W3IIM-\$11.75

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM
ASSIST YOUR SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE IN PLANNING THE KIND
OF EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD ENJOY ATTENDING.

- ☐ APRIL MID-MONTH DINNER MEETING (FORMERLY STAG NIGHT)
- ☐ CLAM BAKE IN READING
- ☐ CLAM BAKE IN READING ONE YEAR, PHILA. AREA THE NEXT
- ☐ CLAM BAKE IN PHILA. AREA ONLY
- ☐ ARNIE'S BATH (AUGUST MID-MONTH AT THE SHORE)
- ☐ OLD TIMER'S NIGHT (NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING)

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS.
YOUR IDEAS ARE NEEDED, ALSO.

- ☐ GOLF OUTING - PRIZES
- ☐ FIELD DAY OUTING - WITH RADIO EQUIPMENT
- ☐ "FOX" HUNT - FORMING TEAMS AND ATTEMPTING TO FIND A SIMULATED
'BANANNA' ON THE REPEATER.
PRIZES, REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARD.
- ☐ BOWLING PARTY - PRIZES
- ☐ ROLLER SKATING PARTY - CRUTCHES
- ☐ OTHER

ADDITIONAL IDEAS, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE.

NAME _____ CALL _____

MARCH 1983

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